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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ROBERTO MORELLI ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 10/588,797

Group Art Unit 3654

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Sang Kim, Examiner

METHOD AND MACHINE FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF LOGS OF WOUND WEB MATERIAL

Alexandria, Virginia  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed  
July 23, 2009.

The Examiner has required an election of species based on the following: Species I - Figures 1A-1D; Species II - Figures 6A-6E; Species III - Figure 7. The Examiner has also required that upon election of a species, the applicants should also specify a suction box based on the suction boxes shown in Figures 2-3 and Figures 4-5.

Applicants hereby elect Species II above, i.e., Figures 6A-6E. Applicants submit that claims 29-43, 46-59 and 62-64 are readable upon the elected species.

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As to the election of a suction box, applicants traverse this requirement as not being applicable to the elected species. As set forth in the specification, at page 15, lines 7-10, the further embodiment of Figures 6A-6E is substantially the same as the embodiment of Figures 1A-1D, but that the suction member of the embodiment of Figures 1A-1D is replaced by a mechanical interruption member 111. Accordingly, the selection of a suction box embodiment does not apply to Species II.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application containing claims drawn to the non-elected subject matter, i.e., Species I and Species III.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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